MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Then on what principle are extensions given?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When ministerial officers are physically and mentally fit extensions are given to them.

Valiakulam tank in Eraniel.

241. *MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether water could be stored for irrigation purposes in the Valiakulam tank in Eraniel *pakuthi* now;

(*b*) how long it is since the tank was filled up with sand;

(*c*) when the tank was last repaired;

(*d*) the extent of that tank and the extent of the *ayacut* wet lands fed by the same; and

(*e*) whether the ryots under that Kulappuravu made repeated representations to the Chief Engineer and to the Government to restore the tank for agricultural purposes?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For about 25 years.

(*c*) The information is not available.

(*d*) The tank is 11 acres in extent and has an *ayacut* of 59 acres.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether this is a minor or a major tank?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I think it is a minor tank.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether any repair was done during the last 12 years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The honourable member knows that when the Kodayar Project was completed many of these tanks were left fallow.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether that tank was repaired at any time after it was constructed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*): All that I know is that for the last 25 years it has been silted up.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether it can be used for agricultural purposes?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know what action has been taken by Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*): The Government have called for an estimate for putting the tank into repair.

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MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether the Executive Engineer has visited the tank and submitted the estimate for repairing it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Have the Government enquired how the fields that were being fed by the tank are now being fed and whether any hardship is being experienced by the people?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): Government have not enquired.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether they have received representations from the people of that place urging the necessity for restoring the tank?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): What action has been taken on that?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*): An estimate has been called for for the restoration of the tank.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the Government whether the Government are realising water-tax from that?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Probably they are.

Manufacture of Rubber Goods.

242. *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is true that Mr. Helen keeps the manufacture of rubber goods an absolute secret, carrying out all the operations behind closed doors?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know from Government whether the subordinates of the Rubber Factory have been able to produce rubber manufactured goods?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): The subordinates of the Rubber Factory are put in charge of different sections of work in the factory and they are interested in manufacturing rubber goods.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know from Government whether there is any secrecy at all kept as regards the manufacture of rubber goods in the Rubber Factory?

MR C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): The subordinates in the Rubber Factory are being gradually taught the process for the manufacture of rubber.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether in the agreement between Mr. Helen and the Government there is any condition to say that the secret of the manufacture should not be taught to the subordinates?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): There is no such condition.

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